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### **Lesson 21 Vocabulary Words**

Directions: Write a sentence for each word.

1. cavort
2. emanate
3. meander
4. retrogress
5. serpentine
6. supercede
7. torpid
8. transitory
9. undulate
10. unremitting

**WRITE THE CORRECT WORD**

Write the correct word in the space next to each definition.

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| _____ 1. not letting up    | _____ 6. like a snake              |
| _____ 2. to wind or wander | _____ 7. to dance about            |
| _____ 3. to supplant       | _____ 8. to send forth             |
| _____ 4. to go backward    | _____ 9. lethargic; sluggish       |
| _____ 5. temporary         | _____ 10. to make wavelike motions |

**COMPLETE THE SENTENCE**

Write the letter for the word that best completes each sentence.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ noise from the car alarm kept us awake for hours.  
a. cavorting      b. meandering      c. unremitting      d. transitory
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Dangerous fumes \_\_\_\_\_ from the laboratory.  
a. retrogressed      b. emanated      c. superseded      d. cavorted
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. People often feel \_\_\_\_\_ after a big Thanksgiving meal.  
a. serpentine      b. superseded      c. torpid      d. unremitting
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The trail \_\_\_\_\_ through dunes, meadows, and forests.  
a. meanders      b. retrogresses      c. cavorts      d. supersedes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The doctors thought they had discovered the cause of the patient's illness, until a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ in his condition indicated that the treatment wasn't addressing the root of the problem.  
a. emanation      b. cavorting      c. undulation      d. retrogression
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The decisions of the Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_ those of lower courts.  
a. cavort      b. supersede      c. emanate      d. retrogress
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Good hula dancers gracefully \_\_\_\_\_ their bodies.  
a. retrogress      b. emanate      c. undulate      d. meander
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The children \_\_\_\_\_ on the playground, skipping and running with abandon.  
a. cavorted      b. emanated      c. retrogressed      d. superseded
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The pharmacist assured me that any side effects from the medication would be \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. serpentine      b. undulating      c. transitory      d. cavorting
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The letter "S" has a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ shape.  
a. unremitting      b. serpentine      c. torpid      d. transitory

**Challenge:** The governor's educational policy proved to be only a \_\_\_\_\_ solution to the \_\_\_\_\_ problem of chronic budgetary shortfalls.  
a. torpid...emanating      b. retrogressive...torpid      c. transitory...unremitting

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Earthquakes cause \_\_\_\_\_ in the land. (*undulate*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I blamed my \_\_\_\_\_ on sleep deprivation. (*torpid*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Many people travel to Florida to \_\_\_\_\_ in warm ocean waters. (*cavort*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The slowdown was \_\_\_\_\_; business picked up again after only a few weeks. (*transitory*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The \_\_\_\_\_ stream winds through many towns before it reaches the ocean. (*meander*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. For some crimes, the authority of the state police \_\_\_\_\_ that of the local police. (*supersede*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The \_\_\_\_\_ attack of the middleweight boxer brought him the championship belt. (*unremitting*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The \_\_\_\_\_ road looked like a snake on the map. (*serpentine*)

## FIND THE EXAMPLE

Choose the answer that best describes the action or situation.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The thing that is most likely to *undulate*  
a. clouds                      b. a fast runner                      c. air                      d. a sail
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Something that is NOT *transitory*  
a. summer cold                      b. an eternal flame                      c. lunch hour                      d. a snack
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Something LEAST likely to *meander*  
a. interstate highway                      b. scenic drive                      c. mountain road                      d. country road
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. A place where it would be very unwise to *cavort*  
a. open field                      b. the beach                      c. busy road                      d. trampoline
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Something that might make you feel *torpid*  
a. police siren                      b. sudden noise                      c. tense situation                      d. heat wave
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Something that would be wise to pursue *unremittingly*  
a. bitter fight                      b. academic goals                      c. bad habits                      d. scared bear
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. A *retrogression*  
a. a baby crying                      b. a cat meowing                      c. a child adding                      d. an adult whining
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. NOT a *serpentine* object  
a. soccer ball                      b. metal cable                      c. winding gorge                      d. curvy road
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The thing that *emanates* the LEAST noise  
a. boom box                      b. cell phone                      c. city traffic                      d. construction paper
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. How you would probably feel if someone *superseded* you  
a. gratified                      b. upset                      c. indifferent                      d. lethargic